

Congo Week 2022: October 16 to 22

Press release from Justice Congo Group

(part of Global Justice Now Central London)

What is Congo Week? A global teach-in that aims to raise worldwide consciousness about the challenges and triumphs of the sons and daughters of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

This year marks the fifteenth annual presentation of Congo Week.

Friends of the Congo in Washington DC are running a full programme of events which can be accessed online in the UK – on their website at friendsofthecongo.org

Who is the Justice Congo Group? We are a campaigning Group seeking to highlight the realities of life in the DRC, so closely affected by the current mineral mining boom linked to the Global North's desire for electric batteries.

We also seek to highlight the impunity with which perpetrators of murder, rape and violence continue to cause immense suffering for the civilian population in DRC. We consider it is well past time that the international community focussed on bringing these perpetrators to justice in the International Criminal Court.

The United Nations needs to act on the Mapping Report of 2009, which deals with atrocities committed in the First & Second Congo Wars of October 1996/May 1997, and August 1998/July 2003. This Report already contains a plan of action on these appalling issues.

The United Nations should also publish its recent (leaked) report on the killings and destabilization taking place right now, as a result of Rwanda's support of its proxy the M23 militia in Eastern DRC.

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